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IN THE MATTER OF JAPANESE WAR CRIMES AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE ILL-TREATMENT OF
PRISONERS OF WAR AT L.O.G. LANDSOP CAMP
RANDOENG, JAVA

A F F I D A V I T

I, Lieutenant Colonel Cyril Wallace MAISEY of the Royal Army Medical Corps, with home address at School House, Woodbridge, Suffolk, make oath and say as follows:-

1. I was taken prisoner by the Japanese on March 8, 1942 and after being in various camps and hospitals in Java, I was finally transferred in May 1945 to L.O.G. Landsop camp, Bandoeng, Java. The general conditions in this camp were very bad mostly owing to over crowding. This camp was originally a boys' reformatory designed to house 250 boys; after I had been in the camp about a week there were over four thousand prisoners confined in this camp. Naturally the sanitary arrangements were totally inadequate and the water supply also inadequate.
2. The food was inadequate and less and less was supplied as time went on. Although the supply of food was more difficult for the Japanese at this time there was food available as was proved by what we could buy through the canteen; when we were allowed to do so. We were not allowed often to buy food through the canteen as the Japanese authorities were continually closing the canteen for long periods as a collective punishment.
3. The medical supplies were very inadequate and it is clear that there were supplies available. In particular the Japanese refused to supply insulin for the diabetic patients. After the capitulation of Japan large supplies of medical stores, including insulin, were brought into the camp. In addition the Japanese only supplied us with a small quantity of the Red Cross medical supplies which had arrived in the country. Large supplies of Red Cross stores were brought into the camp after the capitulation, these had been stored outside the camp. The hospital accomodation was quite inadequate and there were hospitals outside not far from the camp which could have been made available easily.
4. The prisoners in this camp were frequently beaten up by the Japanese guards, and received such punishments as being made to kneel down all night outside wearing only a pair of shorts although the conditions were very cold. The Japanese mainly responsible for this ill-treatment was Corporal Kasiana. I also believe that this corporal made large illegal profits out of the canteen. On one occasion when the Japanese had called for the names of prisoners who had expert knowledge of marine engines the British prisoners refused to supply any names. As a result all the prisoners were paraded and all officers of the rank of Major and above were paraded before Sergeant Major Mori Sasau, who proceeded to hit them with

his fist, myself included and Wing Commander Alexander the senior British officer. Many of the officers were knocked unconscious; I myself lost a back tooth and Wing Commander Alexander had his jaw broken. Although he did not take part in the beating I am of the opinion that Corporal Kasiama was largely to blame for this beating up owing to the false report that he made to Sergeant Major Mori. I remained in this camp until the capitulation of Japan on the 15th August 1945. On the 19th of August 1945 that is after the capitulation of Japan, the Japanese produced large sums of money which they stated had come from the Red Cross. I have no doubt that they had been in possession of this money for a considerable time, but they had never supplied any to the prisoners although I and other officers had made repeated requests for this money which we had reason to believe was in the hands of the Japanese. We were in great need of this money for medical supplies and extra food.

SWORN by the said CYRIL WALLACE MAISEY)
at 6 Spring Gardens in the City of WESTMINSTER)
this 2nd day of JANUARY 1946.)

BEFORE ME)

(Signed) R.G. de L. Wormell,
Major, Legal Staff,
Military Department,
Judge Advocate General's Office.

(Signed) C.W. MAISEY

I certify that this is a true copy of the original affidavit.

/s/ Rathcreedan Captain
Legal Staff,

Office of the Judge Advocate General.]